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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,424,937
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,660,643
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,093,885
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,556,396
- (5) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0040453
- (6) Japan 5-344708
- (7) Japan 3-036332

Copies of the newly cited U.S. Patent Publications are not being provided in accordance to the Pre-Official Gazette Notice dated, July 11, 2003, entitled "Information Disclosure Statements Filed Without Copies Of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003.



A copy of reference (6) is enclosed. Reference (6) is discussed at page 2 of the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. Reference (1) is believed to be an English-language counterpart of reference (6). An English-language abstract for reference (6) is also enclosed.

A copy of reference (7) is being acquired at this time and will be provided when available.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. application, a copy of which is enclosed, which is commonly assigned with the subject application:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Inventor Names</u>
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Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449.

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